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SUBJ: CATHOLICS COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY OF STUDENT UPRISING

1. CATHOLICS COMMEMORATED ANNIVERSARY APRIL 19 STUDENT UPRISING WITH MASS IN MEMORY OF STUDENTS WHO HAD LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE 1960 REVOLUTION. MASS WAS HELD EVENING OF APRIL 18 AT MYONGDONG CATHEDRAL WITH ATTENDANCE OF 700 INCLUDING CARDINAL KIM AND FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF HIERARCHY.

2. AFTER MASS, EYEWITNESS REPORTS THAT CARDINAL, FOUR BISHOPS AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE DEPARTED CATHEDRAL. MAJORITY REMAINED IN CHURCH FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT TO PRAY AND HEAR NUMEROUS STATEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. YOUNG PRIESTS ASSOCIATION LED SERVICES AND ISSUED STRONG STATEMENT CALLING FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY. STATEMENT WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF YUSHIN CONSTITUTION AND EMERGENCY DECREES.

3. SOURCES IN CATHOLIC CHURCH REPORT THAT AS OF APRIL 20 THEY HAD DETECTED NO ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH SERVICE AND THAT SECURITY FORCES HAD NOT TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE YET MADE ANY OVERT EFFORT TO INVESTIGATE MEETING.

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4. PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES CARRIED AP ARTICLE REPORTING INCIDENT ON APRIL 20 UNDER HEADLINE "ROK CATHOLICS CALL FOR END TO PAK LAWS". ARTICLE SEEMS TO BE CORRECT DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS BUT IMPLICATION THAT MEETING OR RESOLUTIONS REFLECT POSITION OF CATHOLIC CHURCH OVERDRAWN. CLERGY AND LAYMEN WHO ATTENDED MEETING REPRESENT THAT

GROUP OF CATHOLICS WHO ARE MOST ACTIVE IN HUMAN RIGHTS
MOVEMENT. CARDINAL AND FOUR BISHOPS PRESENT FOR MASS
ALSO SYMPATHETIC TO HUMAN RIGHTS CLAUSE, BUT, AS REPORTED,
SINCE THEY LEFT MEETING BEFORE STATEMENTS HIGHLY CRITICAL
OF ROKG WERE READ, THEY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE
EXPLICITLY ENDORSED THOSE STATEMENTS.
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